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SUBJECT: RESULTS OF AND IMPLICATIONS FROM CONSULTATION
MEETING ON INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS ON THE RECOGNITION
OF STUDIES, DEGREES AND DIPLOMAS IN HIGHER EDUCATION -
EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, PARIS, 9-10 SEPTEMBER 1976

1. DR. SANFORD JAMESON, US PARTICIPANT IN SUBJECT
MEETING, REPORTED THAT HE WAS SATISFIED WITH RESULTS OF
MEETING. PARTICIPANTS DISCUSSED SUBSTANTIVE DIFFER-
ENCES BETWEEN FINAL REPORTS OF THE EUROPEAN STATES COM-
MITTEE MEETING HELD AT HELSINKI, 20-24 OCTOBER 1975 AND
ARAB AND EUROPEAN STATES BORDERING ON MEDIT-
ERRANEAN COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN PARIS 23-27 FEBRUARY
1976. JAMESON REPORTED THAT TENTATIVE AGREEMENT ON THE
RESOLUTION OF THOSE DIFFERENCES WAS REACHED AND THAT
THE SECRETARIAT WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PREPARING A
DRAFT FINAL REPORT OF SUBJECT MEETING OUTLINING THE
AGREEMENTS REACHED. HE REPORTED THAT THESE AGREEMENTS
SHOULD CLEAR THE WAY FOR THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL PREPARA-
TORY COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS FROM EUROPEAN STATES MEETING
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(CATEGORY II) TO BE HELD AT HEADQUARTERS IN 1978 (19 C/

5 DRAFT PROGRAM AND BUDGET 1977-78, PARAGRAPH 1250).

2. TRAPERO REPORTS THAT AFRICAN MEMBER STATE PRESSURE ON DG MAY CAUSE HIM TO REQUEST CHANGE IN 19 C/5 PARA 1250 FROM EUROPEAN STATES TO AFRICAN STATES. EVIDENCE OF THIS PRESSURE IS THE CONVENING OF A CONSULTATION MEETING SIMILAR TO SUBJECT MEETING FOR AFRICAN STATES 4-5 OCTOBER. IF THIS CHANGE SHOULD COME ABOUT, EUROPEAN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING WOULD BE POSTPONED UNTIL 1978 OR 1979.

3. SECRETARIAT (TRAPERO) TOLD PERMDEL (TINSMAN) THAT JAMESON'S PARTICIPATION IN SUBJECT MEETING WAS EXTREMELY HELPFUL THROUGHOUT AND INFLUENTIAL IN ATTAINING SOME OF THE AGREEMENTS. TRAPERO WAS VERY APPRECIATIVE OF USG'S RECOGNITION OF IMPORTANCE OF HAVING US REPRESENTATIVE AT THIS MEETING AND STRESSED THE ESSENTIALITY OF US PARTICIPATING IN SUCH MEETINGS.

4. TRAPERO FURTHER STRESSED AND REQUESTED PERMDEL TO ASSURE THAT OFFICIAL US OBSERVER(S) BE SENT TO THE COMING INTERNATL CONFERENCE OF STATES FOR THE ADOPTION OF A CONVENTION ON THE RECOGNITION OF STUDIES, DIPLOMAS AND DEGREES IN HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE ARAB AND EUROPEAN STATES BORDERING ON THE MEDITERRANEAN TO BE HELD IN NICE, FRANCE 13-17 DECEMBER 1976 IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 11, PARAGRAPH 2 OF REGULATIONS FOR THE GENERAL CLASSIFICATION OF VARIOUS CATEGORIES OF MEETINGS CONVENED BY UNESCO.

5. PERMDEL STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT US SEND OFFICIAL DELEGATION OF ONE OBSERVER FROM PRIVATE SECTOR AND ONE OBSERVER FROM GOVERNMENT SECTOR TO CONFERENCE CITED IN PARAGRAPH 4. SUCH REPRESENTATION IS ESSENTIAL TO ASSURE THAT US INTERESTS ARE MAINTAINED IN THE FINAL SUBSTANTIVE NEGOTIATIONS AND TO DEMONSTRATE THAT US HAS KEEN AND DEEP INTEREST IN THE RESULTS OF THIS CONFERENCE. US ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HAS CONSIDERABLE STAKE IN FINAL DECISIONS FOR ACADEMIC AND ECONOMIC REASONS. PERMDEL RECOMMENDS THAT ROBERT HEFFLING, WHO REPRESENTED US AT EARLIER 23-27 FEBRUARY 1976 COMMITTEE MEETING BE

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US REPRESENTATIVE FROM PRIVATE SECTOR. IF HEFFLING CANNOT ATTEND, PERMDEL RECOMMENDS JAMESON ATTEND.
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